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CIRCUIT FOR SEMICONDUCTOR-DEVICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please  
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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which  
begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.